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1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS NOT YET BACK FROM STRASBOURG, I CALLED ON POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON AT NOON MARCH 15, APPRISED HIM OF MASSIVE NVN MOVEMENTS OF MEN AND SUPPLIES IN VIOLATION OF VIETNAM AGREEMENT AND EFFECT OF THIS ON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CLOSER RELATIONS WITH DRV, AND URGED DEFERRAL OF DRV RECOGNITION BY BELGIUM AND OTHER EC COUNTRIES FOR REASONS STATED IN REFTEL. DAVIGNON SAID HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO US POSITION AND WOULD TAKE IT UP AT EC POLITICAL

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DIRECTORS' LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR MEETING. HE NOTED BENELUX COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY AGREED TO ACT JOINTLY ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES FROM THE DUTCH SINCE THEY HAD PROMISED PARLIAMENT THAT THEY WOULD SOON RECOGNIZE NVN. IN RESPONSE TO MAY INQUIRY, HE ASCRIBED DUTCH HASTE TO LEFT- WING PRESSURES AND ADDED THAT, IF NETHERLANDS RECOGNIZED HANOI BUT BELGIUM DID NOT, GOB WOULD ALSO COME UNDER STRONG LEFT- WING PRESSURE. DAVIGNON SAID BELGIANS HAD DONE ALL POSSIBLE TO RESTRAIN DUTCH AND HAD MANAGED OVER PAST WEEKS TO PUT OFF RECOGNITION UNTIL MARCH 19; HOWEVER, IF DUTCH GO AHEAD, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW SUIT.

2. I MENTIONED TO DAVIGNON THAT THERE WERE APPARENTLY SOME SECOND THOUGHTS AMONG SOME EC COUNTRIES ABOUT EARLY RECOGNITION AND NOTED ROYLES STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 5 ABOUT IMPORTANCE UK ATTACHES TO NVN WITHDRAWALS FROM LAGOS AND CAMBODIA (LONDON 3036). DAVIGNON SAID SIR ALEC WOULD CERTAINLY BRING THIS UP AT MINISTERIAL. DAVIGNON SAID THAT ITALIANS HAD ALSO PLANNED TO RECOGNIZE HANOI ON 19 TH BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO CHECK FURTHER ON THAT. DAVIGNON VOLUNTEERED THAT FRENCH HAD GONE VERY FAR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE ON CHANGING LEVEL OF THEIR REPRESENTATION IN HANOI; HE THOUGHT NOTHING COULD DELAY THEIR ACTION.

3. IN CONCLUSION, I TOLD DAVIGNON THAT I PUT GREAT TRUST IN HIS POWERS OF PERSUASION, TO WHICH HE RESPONDED THAT THERE WERE DEFINITE LIMITS TO GOB' S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EC PARTNERS ON RECOGNITION ISSUE. HE ADDED THAT WHILE BELGIUM HAD HAD NO INTEREST IN RUSHING RECOGNITION, GOB ITSELF PROBABLY WOULD NOT NOW WANT TO DEFER ACTION FOR MORE THAN A COUPLE WEEKS. STRAUSS- HUPE

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